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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. N. B. Dunham,
Rev. J. M. Whitted,
Rev. J. M. McCall,
Rev. H. McDonald,
James Hughes, of Swann's Creek.

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J. M. Whitted, Cedar, N. C.
N. B. Dunham, Cedar, N. C.
Jerry Husk, Fayetteville, N. C.
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P. McMillan, St. Paul's, N. C.
A. Scarborough, Fayetteville, N.C.
F. C. Cameron, Tar Heel, N. C.
W. H. Anders, Idaho, N. C.
J. M. McCall, Cedar, N. C.
H. McDonald, Ednora, N. C.
P. W. King, Tolarsville, N. C.
John Groton, Fayetteville, N. C.

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T. M. Council, Tar Heel, N. C.
Wylie Smith, Fayetteville, N. C.
A. Davis, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
T. Smith, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. J. McDonald, Gray's Cr'k, N. C.
S. S. Sinclair, ——— ———.
L. M. Dunham, Tar Heel, N. C.

# PROCEEDINGS.

FLAT SWAMP, N. C., FRIDAY, October 19, 1888.

According to the announcement at the last meeting of the Union Baptist Association, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. N. B. Dunham; text, John XIII:34–35. The congregation sang hymn on page 680. Prayer by Rev. J. M. McCall.

At the close of the sermon a recess of one hour was taken.

The Association was then called to order by the President, Rev. J. M. Whitted, who directed the roll of churches to be called, and found a majority represented. He then read the fifth chapter of Acts, down to 36th verse. Sang hymn No. 239. Prayer by the President.

The Association was then declared ready for business. The body proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. N. B. Dunham, President; Rev. A. Scarborough, Vice-President; W. S. Smith, Clerk; Rev. H. McDonald, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. J. M. Whitted, Treasurer.

The President announced the Association ready to proceed with its business. E. Z. Melvin, H. H. McNeill and R. W. Robinson were appointed a Finance Committee. Rev. P. R. Turner and Rev. H. McDonald were appointed Reading Clerks. The male members and pastor of Flat Swamp church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises and Time.

A resolution was read from Elder H. McDonald, relative to an educational board, which was unanimously adopted. [See resolutions.]

On motion, writers were appointed on Periodicals, etc. The Clerk was appointed to insert a clause on Temperance. [See Appendix.]

On motion, a Committee on Grievances was appointed as follows: Elder J. M. Whitted, T. McDonald, Elder J. L. Bryant, Elder J. M. McCall, Rev. H. Robinson.

The Committee on Religious Exercises and Time reported: Preaching here to-night at 7 o'clock, by Elder J. M. McCall. The Association to meet at 9 o'clock a. m.; recess at 12 o'clock m.; re-assemble at 1 o'clock p. m.; adjourn 4:30 p. m.

A motion was made and adopted that a lecture be delivered by the various members of this Association, at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening, on Home and Foreign Missions.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Whitted.

## SERVICES AT NIGHT.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. W. King, after which Mr. George Scurlock, of the A. M. E. Church at Fayetteville, N. C., addressed the congregation on Temperance and Development. He was highly pleased to meet such a large concourse of people on this occasion, and said we must pay more attention to education and development; we must not scorn our parents. He also handed to the Sunday-school Superintendent of Flat Swamp a number of papers for the scholars, for which many thanks were tendered.

A sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. McCall; text, John XIV:27. Hymn sang on page 652.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up to the amount of $2.04.

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SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1888.

At the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. the Association was called to order, the President in the chair. Read the first chapter of St. Mark. Sung hymn No. 640. Prayer by the Vice-President, A. Scarborough.

The President announced the Association ready for business. The proceedings of the first day's session were read and adopted.

An invitation was extended to all visiting brethren. Rev. J. L. Crumpler, of the Middle District Association, came forward and accepted a seat.

On motion, the addresses on Home and Foreign Missions were postponed until the afternoon.

Church letters were then read and Delegates enrolled as follows:

*Mount Calvary*—Elder J. L. Bryant, Elder P. R. Turner, W. H. Andrews.
*New Light* (2)—Rev. J. M. Whitted, Rev. H. Robinson, R. W. Robinson.
*New Life*—Rev. F. C. Cameron, J. S. Smith.
*Swann's Creek*—J. Hughes, John Enman.
*Savannah*—Rev. J. M. McCall; T. McDonald, W. M. McDonald.
*China Grove*—R. Simpson, Lewis Stephens, E. Z. Melvin.
*Laurel Hill*—J. D. Smith, T. McMillan.
*Mount Olive*—J. Carver, Bat McPherson, J. L. McIver.
*St. John*—W. S. Smith, Rev. H. McDonald, H. H. McNeill.
*Mount Pisgah*—J. Ray.
*New Light* (1)—Rev. N. B. Dunham, A. B. Brown, L. M. Dunham.
*Flat Swamp*—A. Evans, H. L. M. McChairan.
*Gray's Creek*—W. E. Butler, Robert Gilmore, R. McLaughlin.
*Shiloh*—E. V. McGeacy, A. W. McKinnon, A. T. Crofford.
*Beauty Spot*—A. Scarborough, Wylie Smith, L. McLaughlin.
*Spring Hill*—A. Maxwell.
*Pleasant Grove*—P. W. King.

NEW CHURCHES.

*Piney Grove* (1)—Rev. John Groton, R. Fowler, J. Cove.
*Piney Grove* (2)—John Bethune.
*Red Springs*—W. M. McEachern, A. McNeill.

The above new churches were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to their Delegates.

On motion, writers were appointed on Sunday-schools, Periodicals, Missions, etc., to report at the next assembling of the Association.

The Association then adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m. Benediction by the Vice-President, A. Scarborough.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President. Sung hymn, "Come, we that Love the Lord," etc. Read Psalms CXXII. Prayer was then offered, Rev. H. McDonald leading.

The President announced the Association ready for business, and renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. None present.

An invitation was extended to Elders desiring to become members of

the Union Baptist Association. Elder John Groton, of Piney Grove church, came forward and was received.

On motion, the Executive Board presented a report. [See Appendix.]

The following brethren were appointed writers on various subjects:

*On Sunday-schools*—W. S. Smith.
*Obituaries*—E. B. Melvin.
*Ministerial Support and Education*—Rev. H. McDonald.
*Missions*—Rev. W. H. Anders.
*Temperance*—Rev. J. M. McCall.

On motion, a Ministerial Education Board was appointed, as follows: Rev. W. H. Anders, Rev. H. McDonald, Rev. J. M. Whitted, P. W. King, John Carver, M. B. Melvin and Rev. N. B. Dunham.

The Executive Board was then appointed, as follows: N. B. Dunham, H. McDonald, James Hughs, Rev. J. M. McCall, and Rev. J. M. Whitted.

On motion, the ex-Treasurer reported. [See Appendix.]

On motion, it was ordered that a collection be taken up to-night and to-morrow for the afflicted Elders of this Association—S. Boon, N. Gilmore, Alexander Scarborough and Jerry Husk. The amount raised for this purpose was $17.68.

The Home Missionary Society reported. [See Appendix.]

On motion the Home Missionary Society was re-appointed, to be composed of seven members, as follows: Rev. W. H. Anders, Rev. H. McDonald, Rev. P. W. King, James Hughs, R. Gilmore and Rev. J. M. McCall.

On motion, it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10 for his services.

It was ordered that the deeds made to this Association for the Red Springs and Piney Grove churches be recorded.

On motion, all money belonging to the Minute fund was turned over to the Clerk.

The Finance Committee made their report. [See Report on Finance.]

The money was then turned over into the hands of the Treasurer.

It was announced that Rev. P. W. King would preach the Introductory Sermon on the assembling of the next session of this Association, assisted by Elder N. B. Dunham; and that Elder W. H. Anders would preach the Charity Sermon.

On motion, P. R. Turner's case, relative to Foreign Mission fund, etc., was referred to a Council of Elders.

On motion, all the unfinished business of this Association was referred to the Exective Committee to be completed.

A collection was then taken up for the afflicted Elders of this Association, amounting to $2.15.

The annual sessions of the Union Association and the State Convention are so close together that the Association scarcely has time to send in its State Convention funds so as to reach the State Convention in time to be received during its session, either by Delegate or letter; therefore the sending of the State Convention fund was postponed till further orders from the Board.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the brethren and sisters and citizens of Flat Swamp church for their hospitality.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the church at Gray's Creek, Cumberland county, North Carolina, on Friday after the second Sunday in October, 1889.

N. B. DUNHAM, *President.*

W. S. SMITH, *Clerk.*

## SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

SUNDAY, October 21, 1888.

At the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., Elder W. H. Anders preached a Charity Sermon, assisted by Elder J. L. Crumpler, of the Middle District Association, who conducted the devotional exercises. Hymn sung on page 987. Prayer was then offered, Elder J. L. Crumpler leading. Second hymn: "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord," etc.

Rev. W. H. Anders took for a text Mark XVI: 15: "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The sermon was forcibly delivered and made hearts melt, and was highly enjoyed by the entire congregation.

At the close of the sermon prayer was offered, Elder J. L. Bryant leading.

A collection was then taken up for the afflicted Elders of this Association, amounting to $15.55. Total collection for afflicted Elders, $17.55.

Bro. Anders announced that he felt under many obligations to the congregation for the above amount contributed.

The doxology was then sung. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Crumpler.

N. B. DUNHAM, *President.*

W. S. SMITH, *Clerk.*

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# APPENDIX.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, would say to the Elders and brethren of the Union Baptist Association that this broad land of ours is flooded with reading matter, much of which is not good food for the mind, and is calculated to injure us both morally and spiritually. But there is sound, heavenly, religious literature, and as such we heartily recommend to the readers of this Association THE BAPTIST STANDARD, published at Raleigh, North Carolina; also the AFRICAN EXPOSITOR. They are both papers for colored people, which every Baptist of the South should recognize and liberally patronize.

H. MCDONALD.
J. L. BRYANT.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Looking over the extensive field of Christian civilization, and seeing what has been done in our midst, we congratulate ourselves upon the work of the past year. Four new churches have been located by the great movement of Home Missions. We need workers who will spend and are willing to be spent, to carry on this glorious work. There is work to do for Jesus, and the laborers are few. There is work for every one to do. We believe that every Christian should be engaged, heart and soul, in sending forth missionaries. We hope no minister of this Association will neglect this important duty, but that every one, as they "preach the gospel to every creature," will remember to lecture on Missions. When we look and see millions perishing for want of the sacred Scriptures being preached unto them, it causes our hearts to burn within us. Oh, may every one work for Jesus! May the Lord help us to do His will!

R. MCLAUGHLIN.
A. SCARBOROUGH.

## REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee believe the Sunday-school work to be the work of the laymen of the church. They can implant in the minds of the young the Word of Truth, that we see so often blessed to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We believe that every church in this Association should be engaged in this work, knowing that the Lord has given to every man his work to do. We believe that the kingdom of God would be advanced on earth in this way, and that saving knowledge would be obtained. J. HUGHS.

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## REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee have the pleasure of reporting that the number of deaths among our membership the past Associational year is fifteen per cent. less than it has been for the same length of time for several years, and none of our prominent members have died during the past year. Should we not feel grateful for such a manfestation of God's kind care of us, and spend our prolonged lives more to His honor and glory?

E. Z. MELVIN.

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marvelous success attending the labors of our missionaries in foreign fields should be encouragement to us to put forth greater efforts than ever before to send the Gospel to the heathen. In almost every field where missionaries are at work their labors are blessed wonderfully. I hope this Association will do all in its power to raise a Foreign Mission Board to aid in the civilization of the heathen. W. S. SMITH.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

We believe that education is as light in a dark place; it drives away fear, enlightening and developing the mind. It is the key to knowledge and a guide to the law, both temporal and divine—enables us to closely search and more clearly comprehend God's law. We, like Joshua, have a Book from God to guide us to heaven, strengthen and encourage us; observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then thou shalt be prosperous and have good success. [Joshua I:7, 8, 9; Tim. III: 15–17; John XIV: 15, 16, 23.] It gives us moral strength. Obedience is necessary in doing the divine commands found in the Holy Bible. We believe that leaders should be educated to lead to good success; "and the law shall not depart out of thy mouth." Joshua was trained under Moses for more than forty years. We believe our ministers, teachers and leaders should undergo a process of training to enable them to lead to good success. J. M. WHITTED.

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## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The subject of ministerial support is one that should receive the earnest attention of our Association and all of our churches. The Scriptures say: "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good—that publisheth salvation; that saith unto

Zion, thy God reigneth." It is written: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Christ's ministers should be free from temporal care, in order that their whole time may be devoted to the flock of Christ. In view of these, and many other facts in the Scriptures; therefore be it—

*Resolved*, That the churches of this Association be and are hereby earnestly solicited and advised to obey the commands of the Gospel touching ministerial support.

*Resolved*, That the pastors of all our churches declare the whole counsel of God, and urge their respective flocks to come up to the full standard of Christian benevolence in advancing the kingdom of Christ.

W. H. ANDERS.
F. C. CAMERON.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: When we consider the above subject and behold what strong drink has done, and is now doing, we may speak in the language of the Apostle: "And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died."—Romans XIV: 15. "Let not your good be evil spoken of." [16th verse.] Sin against the weak is specially odious, because it nullifies the sufferings of Christ. The Apostle Paul writes, in I. Cor. VIII: 12: "When ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." How like the dumb brute are those who must drink daily! Maybe they exert an influence which may either save or ruin a soul. Our influence may be such that we may ruin a weak man. We may drink moderately, but our moderate drinking may encourage another until he drinks immoderately, and what is right in us may cause wrong in another. I hope the time will soon come when Christians will have brighter conceptions of their worth, and remember that they are made only a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor.

W. S. SMITH, *Chairman of Committee.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*Brother Moderator and Delegates of the Association:* We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report of the amount of money received from the various churches and from collections:

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| For Association | $ 7 99 | |
| For Minutes | 14 50 | |
| For Education | 2 84 | |
| For State Convention | 9 50 | |
| For Home Missions | 6 82 | |
| Total | | $41 55 |
| From the Female Home Mission Society of Swann's Creek, for Home Missions | $13 09 | |
| Female H. M. Society of St. John's, for Home Missions | 4 08 | |
| " " " " " Foreign Missions, | 60 | |
| From Pleasant Grove, for Home Missions | 1 30 | |
| " " " for Education | 1 40 | |
| From China Grove, for Home Missions | 2 50 | |
| For the sick Elders | 17 58 | |
| | | 40 55 |
| Grand total | | $82 10 |

Yours fraternally,

H. H. MCNEILL,
R. W. ROBINSON,
E. Z. MELVIN,
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

*Dear President and Brethren of the Association:* We, the Executive Board, met with the church at Swann's Creek, Edonia, N. C., April 28, 1888. Roll called; all members present. The Board then proceeded to business. The President read a notice from the Association Clerk, calling attention to some unfinished business of the Association:

*First.* The receiving of the church land deeds of this Association.

*Second.* The distribution of the Ministerial Education money.

We received the deeds and ordered them to be registered.

The subject relative to Ministerial Education was then taken up, and after a lengthy debate, it was postponed until a future meeting.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the place designated by the President.

N. B. DUNHAM, *President.*
P. W. KING, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

*Brother President and Delegates of the Association:* We, the Home Mission Society, met in our first meeting with the church at Spring Hill, North Carolina, October 29, 1887. The following brethren were elected officers: Elder W. H. Anders, President; H. H. McNeill, Clerk; Elder P. W. King, Treasurer. We sent Rev. H. McDonald to preach at Red Springs and Edinboro for the next quarter, and to secure the land on which to locate churches. We paid him $8 for three visits to each place.

JANUARY 27, 1888.—The Home Mission Society met on the above date at St. John's church, and was called to order by the President. Roll called; all members present. We took into consideration the returning of Elder H. McDonald to Red Springs and Edinboro. Elder McDonald, attending the Normal School at Fayetteville, asked to be excused. Rev. W. H. Anders was then chosen for the second quarter to visit the above-named places three times each. We paid him $10.

APRIL 28, 1888.—The Home Mission Society met with the church at Swann's Creek, North Carolina, April 28th. Sent Elder P. R. Turner to Edenboro for the third quarter, and paid him $5 for three visits.

JULY 27, 1888.—Met with the church at Pleasant Grove, North Carolina. Sent Rev. P. W. King to Edinboro for the fourth quarter, and paid him $3.50.

W. H. ANDERS, *President.*
H. H. MCNEILL, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY.

NOVEMBER 1, 1887.

*Dear Brethren of the Home Mission Society:* I began the work conferred on me by your honorable Board at Spring Hill church, North Carolina, November 1st, 1887. Made three visits to Edinboro and had the pleasure of seeing the effect of God's Word in that neighborhood. Received and baptized one and received one acre of land for $10. I then visited Red Springs, in obedience to your appointment at Spring Hill, three times. I baptized two; received others by letter. The church was organized, and the land has been secured for $25.

Dear brethren, I have tried to discharge my duty as your humble servant, in the name of God our Father and his Son. Received $2.14.

Yours, etc., H. MCDONALD.

### Report of Home Missionary for the Second Quarter.

*Dearly-Beloved Brethren:* I entered upon the work assigned me by your honorable Society. I visited Red Springs three times, preached five sermons, and raised $5.70 for the building of the church. I received, at Red Springs, $4 for my expenses. I made one visit to Edinboro which was unsuccessful because of bad weather. I preached two sermons and lectured to the people for half an hour. There is much work to do there, and a handsome church may be raised at Edinboro by earnest work. This report is made to the best of my judgment. I received fifty-five cents. Total received for this quarter, $4.55.

W. H. Anders, *Home Missionary.*

### Report of Home Missionary to Edinboro for the Third Quarter.

*Dear Brethren:* I preached six sermons; seven persons were added to the church at Edinboro; travelled 150 miles; received $5.25. I sincerely believe that God is with us. Much good can be done here in the name of God's dear Son. Yours as Home Missionary,

P. R. Turner.

### A Report from Bro. McDonald Respecting Ministerial Education.

Whereas, The Gospel ministry requires the highest qualifications in the honer and character of its expounders; and in order that its true teachings may be more effective over this broad land, be it—

*Resolved,* That there be an Educational Board established in this Association.

*Resolved,* That that Board consist of the prudential brethren of the churches of this Association.

*Resolved,* That this Education Board be empowered to collect educational funds and expend the same in the true interest of ministerial education.

Hector McDonald.

### Report of the Female Home Mission Society of Swann's Creek Ch.

*Dear Brethren of the Union Association and Home Missionary Society—Greeting:* We, the church Female Home Mission Society of Swann's Creek, were organized as Home Mission workers by the pastor and brethren of the above-named church to ask contributions from the public to aid in forwarding Mission work in the Union Baptist Association. With the help of the Lord, we began this work in the spring of 1888. We send to your honorable body the funds collected by each member of our Society. Serena Bonds, Chairman of the Society, collected $5.85; Lula McMillan, Secretary, $5.24; Sarah Hughs, 85c.; Frances Gilmore, $1.15. Total, $13.09.

Dear brethren, may the Lord bless you in the Mission work of His dear Son is our prayer.

Serena Bonds, *Chairman.*
Lula McMillan, *Secretary.*

### Report of Pleasant Grove.

*Dear Brethren:* We have collected for Home Missions $1.30; for Education $1.40. Total, $2.70. Yours in the work,

P. W. King.

### Report of Female Home Mission Society of St. John's.

*Dear President and Delegates to the Association:* We ask to be excused for writing a few lines on Home and Foreign Missions. We were appointed Home Mission workers of St. John's church December 25, 1887, and the following officers were chosen: S. J. Ray, President; Ida

Parker, Secretary; Rebeckah J. Conolley, Treasurer. The President was ill about six months and our Secretary moved to Virginia, in consequence of which the work of our Society was retarded. We were called together on the first Sunday in June, 1888, at which meeting Sister Mary McDonald was chosen Secretary and S. J. Johnson Assistant Secretary. We then entered on the work which we trust has been sent to us by the Lord. We believe the cause of Missions to be the work of every true Christian. We asked contributions from the public for about three months in the name of Home, Foreign and Educational Missions, and collected for Home Missions $4.08; for Foreign Missions, 60 cents; for Education, $6. Total, $10.68. We send to the Association the amounts collected for Home and Foreign Missions. We trust our short labors, beginning at the eleventh hour, will result in great good. We pledge ourselves to work in the Mission field till death.

S. J. Ray, *President.*
Mary McDonald, *Secretary.*
S. J. Johnson, *Assistant Secretary.*
B. J. Conolley, *Treasurer.*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Brother President and Brethren of the Association:* I herewith tender my report as Treasurer of the Association for 1887, as follows:

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| To amount received during the Association year | | $78 45 |
| Expenditures as follows: | | |
| To Edwards & Broughton for printing Minutes | $14 75 | |
| Printing Home Mission work | 1 00 | |
| To the Clerk for his services | 11 00 | |
| To the State Convention | 8 00 | |
| To Elder H. McDonald for Mission services | 8 00 | |
| To Elder W. H. Anders for Mission services | 10 00 | |
| To Elder P. R. Turner for Mission services | 2 50 | |
| For half an acre of land at Red Springs | 25 00 | |
| For one acre of land at Edenboro | 10 00 | |
| Total expenses | | $90 25 |
| To balance in Treasury for 1884, '85, '86 and '87 | | $40 67 |

R. Gilmore, *Treasurer.*

### Report of Home Mission Treasurer for 1888.

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| To amount received during the year | | $38 13 |
| Disbursements as follows: | | |
| To Elder P. R. Turner for Missionary services | $ 2 50 | |
| To Elder P. W. King for Missionary services | 3 50 | |
| Total disbursements | | 6 00 |
| Balance on hand | | $32 13 |

P. W. King, *Treasurer Missionary Fund.*

### Amount of Cash Paid in for Home Missions October 19, 1888.

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|---|---|---|---|
| R. Simpson | $ 50 | E. Z. Melvin | $1 15 |
| L. Stephens | 50 | S. Melvin | 25 |
| E. Simpson | 25 | F. C. Avrom | 25 |
| L. Stephens | 25 | M. Melvin | 25 |
| Mary Melvin, of A.M.E.Z. ch., | 25 | | |

# CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together in union of interest and effort, elements of successful enterprise; therefore, in behalf of this principle, we, the Missionary Baptists of North Carolina, holding to the true Missionary faith, do agree to form ourselves into an Association for our mutual benefit, having in view the following objects:

1. The establishment of union among our churches upon proper principles, embracing discipline, government and organization; to encourage among our brethren, by all lawful Christian means, education, industry, and self-reliance, general improvement, and especially spiritual advancement.

2. To do all in our power to comply with the commission of Christ to spread the Gospel as far as our means will permit. To secure these ends, we pledge ourselves to God and to each other to sustain, by our prayers, and efforts, and means, as God shall enable us, the principles embodied in this our Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name and style of THE UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION of North Carolina. The objects shall be substantially as enumerated in the above Preamble.

ARTICLE 2. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Board to transact its business during its recess, and shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3. It shall be the duty of the President to call the meetings of the Association, decide all points of order, sign all bills that need his signature, and enforce the rules of the Association. He shall have a vote only in case of a tie, when he shall cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 4. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Associotion, sign all orders upon the Treasurer, keep all the books and stationery of the Association, and prepare its transactions for publication.

ARTICLE 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence relative to the business of the Association, and he shall be the Secretary of the Executive Board. All orders on the Treasurer from the Executive Board shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of said Board.

ARTICLE 6. The Treasurer shall keep all moneys delivered to him by the Secretary of the Association, giving his receipt to the Secretary for the same. He shall pay out no money except upon an order signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE 7. Any church wishing to join the Association must do so by letter or Delegate, and must be regularly organized. Delegates to this Association must be provided with the proper credentials, signed by the Pastor and Clerk of the church sending them. Churches joining this Association are supposed to be governed by its laws.

ARTICLE 8. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three Delegates.

ARTICLE 9. In the selection of these Delegates the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualification of those appointed, and have due regard for ths rules and best interest of the church.

ARTICLE 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of Elders and Deacons, to whom may be submitted the communication of any plan adopted. Said committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve

proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt, but shall sustain, with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ARTICLE 12. It shall be the province of the Associatian to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under consideration, but not to vote.

ARTICLE 13. The annual session of this Association shall begin on Friday after the second Sunday in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ARTICLE 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

ARTICLE 15. The Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

ARTICLE 16. Without special permission from the Association, no one will be allowed to speak more than once upon any one subject, nor longer than ten minutes, and shall be allowed only one reply, to be limited to five minutes.

ARTICLE 17. All amendments to the Constitution, Rules of Order or Decorum, to be offered during the session, must be stated or read on the first day of the session.

ARTICLE 18. All ordained ministers desiring to become members of this body must come in through the door of the Association.

## BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall not recognize or receive any church having as members any person or persons excluded from any other church.

ARTICLE 2. Any minister connected with any church of this Association who shall be known to teach or preach any doctrine inconsistent with its law shall be silenced or dealt with for trespass.

ARTICLE 3. All churches of this body are especially requested to take special care of their pastors, and use all efforts to help them to gain instruction in the ministry.

ARTICLE 4. That from this time forward no church within the jurisdiction of this Association shall license any minister to preach unless he can read the Bible.

ARTICLE 5. Any Elder or minister found intoxicated, or who visit places of ill repute, such as bar-rooms, etc., or knowingly indulge in any immorality, such as living in cohabitation without being lawfully married, or acting in any manner such as will bring reproach upon the Baptist faith and profession, shall be called before a Council of Elders and dealt with for breach of good behavior.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The President and Clerk shall hold their offices from the election at one session until the election of officers at the next session, and it shall be their duty to occupy their respective stations and proceed regularly to organization.

ARTICLE 2. The President shall call the Association to order; or, in his

absence, the Vice-President shall act; and if he is absent, the Secretary must open the session.

ARTICLE 3. There shall be singing and prayer at the opening of each day's session.

ARTICLE 4. Delegates shall enroll their names by letter, or other evidence of election. Letters read and statistical matters noted.

ARTICLE 5. Visiting brethren from other Associations not Delegates may be invited to seats by a majority vote of the body.

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall proceed to organize by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who, when elected, shall take their seats.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three Persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Gen. I:26; II. Cor. XIII:14.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. II. Tim. III:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal particular election. Acts XIII:48; Rom. VIII:28–30; XI:5–7; II. Tim. II:10; I. Peter I:2; John VI:37–44.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Psalms LI:5.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, of his own free will and ability. Eph. II:1–10.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ, Gal. II:16; Romans III:24; V:9.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Eph. I:4–7; II Thes. I:13–14; Tim. I:5.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and shall never fall finally away. John X:28–30; III:1; I. Peter I:9.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true method of baptism is immersion. Matt. III:16; Acts VIII:38–39; Romans VI:4; Eph. IV:12.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. I. Cor. XV.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. XV:46; Rev. XX:12–15.

12. We believe that ordained ministers, or such as have come under the imposition of hands by a regularly authorized Presbytery, only have a right to administer the ordinances. Acts XII:3; I. Tim. IV:14; II. Tim. I:6.

13. We believe that only regularly baptized members in good standing have a right at the Lord's table.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Clerk drew up a list of the unfinished business of the Association and presented it to the Associational Board, as directed at the session of December, 1888.

The ex-Treasurer paid to the Treasurer of the Association and Home Missionary the following amounts: To the Association, $19.03; for Education, $21.59. The Board ordered the Educational Board and Home Mission Society to continue to solicit donations and collect money for Ministerial Education, and especially to collect that already promised.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY AT EDINBORO FOR LAST QUARTER.

*Dear Brethren :* I began the Mission work you assigned to me August 16, 1888. Preached seven sermons; baptized five persons, and organized First Piney Grove church at Edinboro. Collected $1.66. The people are receiving the Word of the Lord. May Christ's mission cover this land over and advance His kingdom throughout the world.

P. W. KING, *Home Missionary.*

The case of Elder P. R. Turner, relative to the forgery of Dr. H. M. Tupper's name, concerning appointments on missions, etc., was investigated by a Council of Deacons. He was found unworthy to administer and was silenced.

A. SCARBOROUGH,
*Chairman.*

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES AND COUNTIES. | PASTORS. | CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES. | Minutes. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Expelled. | Dismissed by Letter. | Reinstated. | Died. | Member-ship. | Association | Home Missions | Education. | Foreign Missions. | State Con-vention. | Collection. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gray's Creek, Cumberland | W. H. Anders | A. Gilmore, Gray's Creek, N.C. | $ 2 50 | 4 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 10 | 3 | 154 | $ 1 00 | $ 1 00 | $..... | $..... | $ 50 | $ 5 00 |
| Spring Hill, Cumberland | N. Gilmore | A. Maxwell, Fayetteville | ..... | 1 | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 | 25 | 45 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 20 |
| Red Springs, Robeson | H. McDonald | T. J. Conoley, Lumber Bridge | 50 | 2 | 6 | ... | ..... | ... | ... | 8 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 50 |
| St. John's, Robeson | W. H. Anders | H. H. McNeill, Lumber Bridge | 1 00 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 101 | 73 | 4 08 | ..... | 60 | 50 | 6 91 |
| First New Light, Bladen | G. Williams | L. M. Dunham, Tar Heel | 1 20 | 3 | ..... | ... | 4 | 2 | 2 | 107 | ..... | 38 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 08 |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cumberland | H. McDonald | G. W. Fridget, Fayetteville | 50 | 3 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ... | ... | 37 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 50 |
| Mt. Calvary, Cumberland | P. W. King | N. B. Pepper, Brunt's | 50 | 3 | 2 | 1 | ..... | ... | ... | 53 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 50 |
| Shiloh, Robeson | J. M. Whitted | A. B. Crofford, St. Paul's | 50 | 6 | 1 | 2 | ..... | ... | ... | 28 | 25 | 35 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 65 |
| Swann's Creek, Cumberl'd | H. McDonald | J. Jackson, Edonia | 75 | ... | ..... | 2 | ..... | 3 | 1 | 50 | 50 | ..... | 1 71 | ..... | 50 | 3 46 |
| Second New Light, Bladen | N. B. Dunham | R. W. Robinson, Cedar | 1 00 | .. | ..... | 2 | ..... | 1 | 2 | 97 | 15 | 50 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 15 |
| New Life, Bladen | F. C. Cameron | W. C. ———, Tar Heel | 50 | ... | ..... | ... | ..... | ... | ... | 13 | 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 80 |
| Pleasant Grove, Robeson | H. McDonald | P. McMillan | 1 00 | ... | ..... | ... | 6 | 2 | 1 | 80 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 00 |
| China Grove, Bladen | N. B. Dunham | E. Z. Melvin, Tar Heel | 30 | ... | 2 | ... | ..... | ... | 1 | 23 | ..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 3 80 |
| Flat Swamp, Cumberland | W. H. Anders | F. McNeill, Idaho | 1 00 | 7 | ..... | ... | ..... | 1 | 1 | 49 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 00 |
| Savannah, Cumberland | W. H. Anders | A. G. McDonald, Gray's Creek | 1 40 | 11 | 1 | 4 | ..... | 1 | 2 | 146 | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 40 |
| 1st Piney Grove, Robeson | P. W. King | H. Dunham | 25 | 6 | 1 | ... | ..... | ... | ... | 8 | 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 00 |
| Laurel Hill, Robeson | A. Davis | J. D. Smith, Sharon | 1 36 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ..... | ... | ... | 10 | 25 | 35 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 2 40 |
| Beauty Spot, Cumberland | P. W. King | D. McLaughlin, Fayetteville | 50 | 4 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ... | 2 | 49 | 25 | 49 | 65 | ..... | 50 | 2 39 |
| 2d Piney Grove, Cumb'l'd. | J. Groton | W. Boon, Fayetteville | 50 | ... | ..... | ... | ..... | ... | ... | 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 00 |
| Mount Olive, Cumberland | | L. L. McIver | 50 | ... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ... | ... | 20 | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 1 50 |
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